

opinions of other Communion, and if I do in this place, it is merely that I may be more clearly apprehended, as to the property of our own. The ablest of the non-Episcopalian writers have dated the rise of the Episcopacy in the second century."

The Bishop adds the following note on Lord King's celebrated book, defending the position that all Presbyters were of the same order, the Bishop being simply an overseer or superintendent, to whom the other were assistants:

"The author of the present performance though he had no need to refer to the principle above stated, as it seems to him to have little weight among men of literary reputation, of Communion professedly non-Episcopalian. And besides, he has never met any who had read Lord King's book and the Rev. Mr. Slater's answer to it, who did not appear sufficiently secured by the latter, against any undue impressions which might otherwise have been a consequence of the other.

"It is indeed surprising that a gentleman who lived to fill the first law office in England should, even in his early years, have sent from under his pen a book so unsound in principle, and so full of misquotations and mistranslation; and it will be a remarkable fact in the ecclesiastical history of this country, that disregard of the Episcopal succession in the forming of the ministry of a very numerous society, was owing to conviction received from said book composed by a young man of the age of twenty-two; answered with great ability near the time of its appearance, and not since defended by its author or by any other person. The fact alluded to appears in an instrument from under the hand of the late Rev. John Wesley, set forth at the time of his authorizing of ordinations in America."—*Living Church.*

THE SPIRIT AND EXAMPLE OF CHRIST IN MISSIONARY WORK,

When our Lord Jesus Christ at the beginning of His hallowed ministry upon earth announced that prophecy was fulfilled in Himself, He quoted that beautiful and inspiring passage of the book of the prophet Isaiah: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath appointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.' His whole earthly ministry, completely in harmony with the prophetic utterance, gave undying proof that "the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

Love for the poor, the suffering, the wretched, for those whom the proud and self-righteous cast out as abandoned and lost, love for such as these, never seen in its sweetness and in its majesty before His day, has been winning, as it is still winning, for Jesus the sovereignty of the world.

If the Church, in a certain important sense, is the representative of Christ; if it is, as Holy Scripture declares it to be, the very Body of Christ, it must also evidence in its life and works the love of Him who gave Himself a ransom for many. To "speak the truth in love" is sacred counsel which the Church has never yet practised, which it may be feared the Church has as yet scarcely considered, in the fullness of its meaning.

With all it has accomplished, the Church has by no means fully proved to men that it is Christ's because it is doing out of love just what the Saviour did for the bodies and souls of men. Wherever men, no matter of what race of color, are on the one hand indifferent toward, or on the other thirsting for the better life, the Church is bound by the gracious example of the Master to give the bread of Life and the water of salvation.

To the selfish soul this will seem a burdensome law; every form of excuse will be offered rather than render obedience.

But to the heart all aglow with the constraining love of Jesus, this law of beneficence, this Canon of Christian charity, seems but the natural outgrowth of Christian thought, the natural result of Christian faith! Oh, if the clergy and laity of our Diocese would but go out in the strength of God and in the spirit of the prophetic word, and, like Christ, and in His name, loose the captives of sin, bind up the broken-hearted, gather in the outcasts, we should have no need to write upon our towers that we are an Apostolic Church, nor to proclaim it from our pulpits, nor to plead it in controversial volumes.

Men would know that we are Christ's because we would be doing Christ's work in Christ's chosen way. The gainsayer would be forced to suspend judgment.

The hardened infidel would be moved, as the logic of no mere argument, be it ever so powerful, could move him.

Truth and Love, Charity and Faith, like twin angels, would go forth scattering blessings in their path, and bearing, as from the very presence-chamber of God, a benediction to all sorts and conditions of men.

Dig channels for the streams of love,  
Where they may broadly run;  
And love has overflowing streams,  
To fill them every one.

But if, at any time, thou cease  
Such channels to provide,  
The very fountains of love to thee  
Will soon be parched and dried.

For thou must share if thou would'st keep,  
That good thing from above;  
Ceasing to share, you cease to have,  
Such is the Law of Love.

—The Diocese Mass.

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

BEAVERICK.—*Christ's Church.*—In the midst of dissenters, and considering the very few Churchmen in this place, visitors are greatly impressed by the services at this pretty little church.

On Christmas day, for the first time, a choir of boys and men appeared in surplices and cassocks. Since this change a greater interest has been felt and the music much improved.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

At the Annual meeting of the Diocesan Church Society the usual reports from all the clergy of the Island were read. From these it appears that the Church is holding its own throughout the Island and in many places is gaining encouraging ground. At Springfield a church has been beautifully rebuilt and tastefully decorated, and in the western parishes new places of worship are in course of erection.

The vacancy at Alderton has been filled by Rev. J. M. Forbes. Reports as to the meagre stipends received by the clergy were received; the fault seems to be due to the fact that the people have never been educated to recognize the duty and privilege of giving. Although the rain falling at the time of the meeting prevented many from attending, an increasing and business-like interest was manifested, from which a looker-on may surmise less machinery and more work from the Society in future. There was a celebration of Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church.

The clergy attending the above meeting were entertained at the Rectory by the Ven. Archdeacon Weston-Jones.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—*St. Peter's.*—A Church Institute has been organized whose meetings so far have been very successful. Certain

people in this parish give each week copies of Island and illustrated and other papers of which over twenty are on the table of the Reading-room. Gifts have also been received of games of all sorts. The result so far has been that each meeting has been attended by a larger number of boys and men than was anticipated, and several strangers have also spent evenings with the club. That no fees may be exacted from working men and poorer attendants at the meetings, two entertainments of Penny Readings have been held and one more is arranged for after Easter, proceeds to be devoted to defraying all expenses of the Club.

The Hooper Memorial Chapel in daily use is a great comfort and much appreciated. The work of carving the walnut with which all the chancel is to be encased, is proceeding rapidly, and it is anticipated that the chancel with its beautiful altar will be completed for Easter. The new sacristy is a great convenience. Situated behind the old sacristy, it communicates directly with the chapel.

The Rev. Fred. E. J. Lloyd has resigned his offices of Assistant Priest and Choir Pastor.

CAPE BRETON.

SYDNEY.—The Forty seventh meeting of the Sydney Rural Deanery was held in Sydney on Jan. 29th. There were present Ven. Archdeacon Smith, Revs. Thomas F. Draper and Wm. J. Lockyer.

At 11 o'clock Matins was said by the Archdeacon, followed by a celebration of the Holy Communion, at which Rev. T. F. Draper was the celebrant; the sermon being preached by Rev. W. J. Lockyer from the text, 'The right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.'

After dinner at the Rectory the members present met in the study, and in the absence of the Rural Dean who was suffering from la grippe. Rev. T. F. Draper was elected chairman. The 2nd chapter of the Epistle to the Heb. was read in Greek and discussed at length.

Rev. T. F. Draper reported a sufficient sum of money in the bank to justify the Deanery in proceeding at once with the erection of the proposed Mission chapel at St. Peter's. Plans and specifications will be submitted at the next meeting of the chapter.

It was decided that the next meeting be held at North Sydney on the 12th of March, subject to the approval of the Rector.

At 7 o'clock Evensong was said by Rev. W. J. Lockyer, and a sermon (full of wisdom and good advice) was preached by the Rev. T. F. Draper on the subject of matrimony.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—*St. John's.*—The annual Missionary meeting of this parish was held on the evening of the 7th Feb. in the school room. The Rector made a brief statement concerning the Missionary cause in which the Church was interested. At the previous meeting, one subject alone had been brought before them, the Diocesan Church Society, and he trusted that the very full information given on that occasion by various speakers, representing each deanery of the Diocese, would enable them to give their time now to other and not less deserving causes. He explained the accidental omission of the contributions of their church in the report of the Diocesan Board of Missions. He spoke of their interest in the Algoma Missions, and related to the labors of the Church Missionary Society, and of the Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews, causes in which his revered predecessor had taken such deep interest, and which would also, he trusted, be earnestly supported by the worshippers in St. John's Church.

Mr. C. H. Fairweather, in the much regretted